Dear Co-Chair Winfield, Co-Chair Stafstrom, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Blumenthal, Ranking Member Kissel, Ranking Member Fishbein, and all members of the Judiciary Committee:

Please remember that Election season is coming up. Know that a great many gun owners, including the large numbers of new permit holders, some of which are women, minorities and many democrats will remember how you voted on Senate Bill 16 to restrict their rights without any evidence that it will make our state safer.

I am in complete support that you should hold <u>criminals</u> accountable, but please do not put the blame of increased crime on those who are not responsible! Also, please note how the brave citizens of Ukraine are able to defend themselves and their nation from tyranny – because they have the tools to do so.

Article First, Sec. 15: Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state.

I ask you to join me in supporting these Bills:

Please SUPPORT SB 388 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

Please SUPPORT HB 5412 = AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Please SUPPORT HB 5415 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

Also, please join with me and oppose these Bills:

**Please OPPOSE GB 16** - AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME.

**Please OPPOSE HB 5416** – AN ACT PROHIBITING THE BULK PURCHASE OF FIREARM.

Respectfully & with thanks,

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